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 APPARATUS, DATA
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 APPARATUS AND DATA
 TRANSMISSION CONTROL
 METHOD FOR USE WITH A
 DIGIAL DEVICE, AND
 DATA TRANSMISSION
 CONTROL SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified national phase application,
 please amend the above-captioned case as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

In the application as filed, please cancel claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, and 12, amend
 claims 3 and 5, and add new claims 15-26 as follows:

3. (Amended) A data transmission control apparatus, comprising a clock processing
 unit for generating a current time corrected according to an information of a time received
 from a system controller via a network, a transmitting/receiving processing unit for